

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

July 18, 2016

The board met in work session with Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards. The board also met with Clint Cooper from Simon Construction. The commissioners expressed their appreciation for the parking lot paving project.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioners Joe Kinnie and Harlan Stern, co-chairs, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was County Administrator Randy Schafer. Commissioner Don Lock was absent.

The board approved a batch of accounts payable.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the minutes of July 8, 2016. Motion carried.

Assessor Doug Kamery gave the preliminary assessment report. It shows a drop of \$2,510,285 down to \$88,710,799.

The City of Holyoke requested that the county permanently waive landfill fees for disposal of the limbs. The board decided to continue to handle the request incident by incident.

The board met with Ryan Brachan regarding the use of alcohol at an upcoming event on August 20, 2016. The board approved the use as long as he provides the required liquor liability insurance and the additional \$500 liquor damage deposit.

The board met with County Sheriff Rob Urbach. He requested approval to employ Kay Schmidt as a fill-in employee until a new Victims Advocate is hired. He proposed she be paid the same hourly rate as when she left in December 2015 which was \$14.92. A motion was made by Stern, seconded by Kinnie, to pay Kay Schmidt by the hour at a rate of \$14.92 for the part-time position. Motion carried.

The board postponed a decision on the conditional use application from Ramiro Ramos until a full board is present.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve hiring Penny Verhoeff as Director of Human Services. She will be placed on HS Grade 81, Step 2 with an annual salary of \$44,717.15 (\$3,726.43/month) and receive \$408/mo in additional pay, effective August 12, 2016. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the purchase of an 8' broom attachment for the JD Skid Loader at a cost of \$5,506.70 from Attachments Direct. Motion carried. The cost will be split between Maintenance and Road & Bridge.

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Stern, to authorize Road & Bridge Manager Mike Salyards to sell the 2000 Cat 140H Grader (S/N 222K05135) for a price of no less than \$75,000. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the request from Pheasants Forever to sell alcohol at their banquet in November 12, 2016 from 5:00 pm – 12:00 am as long as they receive a special events permit from the City, provide liquor liability insurance and the additional liquor deposit. Motion carried.

The board received a recommendation from out-going Human Service Director Jackie Reynolds to appoint Lori Lundgren as interim director of Human Services for the time period from July 18 – August 11 when the new director will come on board.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to appoint Lori Lundgren as interim director of Human Services from July 18 – August 11, 2016. Motion carried.

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Stern, to pay Lundgren an additional \$200 for providing this service. Motion carried.

The board met with Landfill Manager Bill Andrews. They discussed the need for a compactor to help reduce refuse like shingles which are placed on the sides of bales in the landfill pit.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to authorize Andrews, to offer up to \$16,000 for a used 1980 Cat Compactor from Sedgwick County. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve a road occupancy agreement for PCTelcom to place 3,200' of fiber along the west side of Co Rd 29 starting at Co Rd 44 extending south. Motion carried.

Michelle Klinzmann, County Clerk employee, passed away on Saturday, July 16. The board decided to close the County Courthouse offices from 9:30 – 1:00 on Friday to allow staff to attend the funeral and meet with the family. Other county employees are welcome to attend the funeral.

The board received a letter from Computers Etc regarding the need for a purchasing policy for the County. The board took the comments under advisement.

The board was given an update on fundraising efforts for the Pavilion. A total of \$561,300 has been committed, \$135,300 of that is private individual pledges.

The board reviewed the June revenue report.

The board reviewed a response to Jim and Mary Austin regarding closure of the Austin Pit.

The board discussed the Comm Center console upgrade.

The board considered whether to submit an enhancement grant to CDOT. They decided to put together an application to install lighting on the current bike path and extend a new path to the west on the new property.

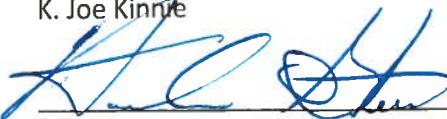
The board postponed action on the ProCom policy for additional information.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

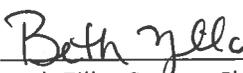
Submitted by Randy Schafer  
County Administrator

  
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Donald J. Lock

  
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Harlan Stern

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Beth Zilla, County Clerk